

## Denton County Master Gardener Association



## THE ROOT

Grow With Us



## Buds From The Board

BY PAT MOYER, PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Master Gardeners,

You'll notice by my salutation that I didn't mention Interns. This is the time of year when we congratulate and welcome our graduated Interns as full-fledged Master Gardeners. I know a number of them have been looking forward to wearing the Texas shaped badge for some time.

Our Annual Graduation and Awards Banquet in January recognized the 34 new Master Gardeners. It also provided us the opportunity to recognize members' service and this year served to announce our year-long celebration of DCMGA's 30th Anniversary.

Selection of these honorees is one of the harder tasks of the Board, since there are so many deserving candidates.

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## Buds from the Board (Cont.)

At the banquet we also honored two of our Community Sponsors who have helped us over the years through their donation of services or facilities. This year we honored Southwest Displays and Events for their donation of the booth frames and curtains since the 2014 Fall Garden Fest. We also honored Trinity United Methodist Church. They have hosted our Plant Sale on their campus since 2009.

Kicking off our 30 Year Anniversary celebration involved looking back at our roots. Who better to do that than John Cooper, the Denton County Extension Agent who in 1989 initiated the first Denton County Master Gardener classes and sponsored the creation of our association?

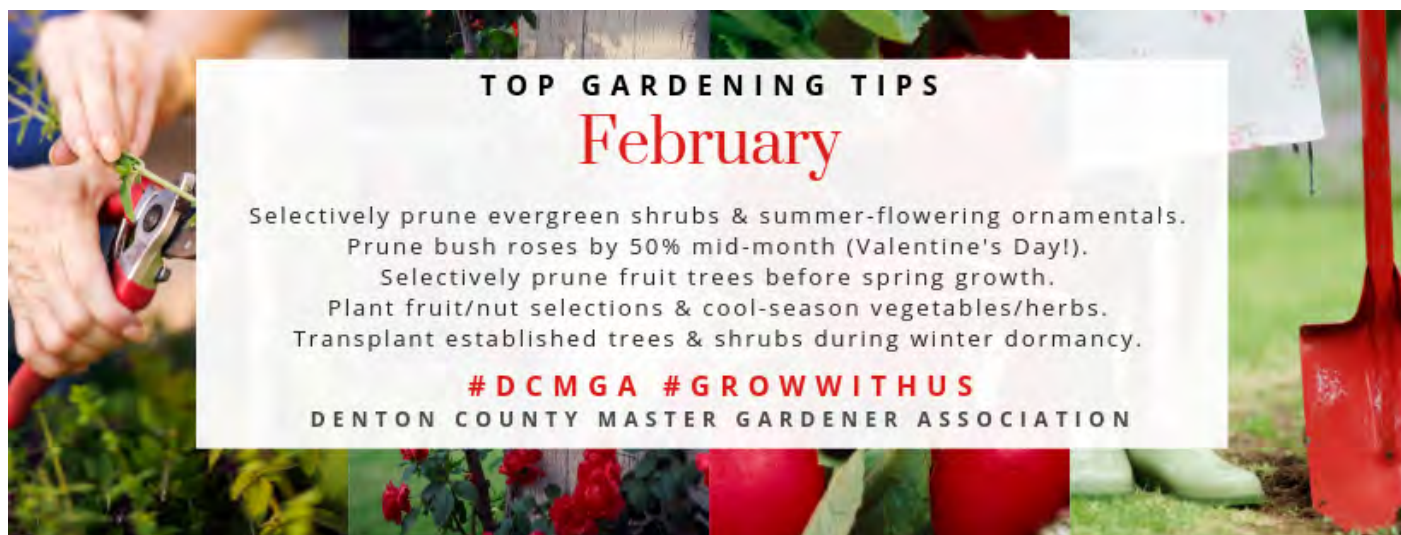
John related tales about many of the projects and members that were part of the development and history of DCMGA. It's amazing the number of both projects and members that are still part of the organization today.

While we welcome and congratulate the Class of 2018 as certified Master Gardeners, we are also preparing to welcome new Interns for the Class of 2019. We know Kim Wootton and the rest of the Class Administration team will help educate another group of great Master Gardeners.

Pat Moyer

### Awards

John Cooper Educator Award	Janie Farler
Educator Award	Ann Hillmann
Educator Award - Intern	Pam Spooner
Project Manager	Dee Payne
Project Manager - Intern	Barbara Beane
Special Merit	Sharrie Ely Karen Gibson Mary Branstetter Dale Powell
Special Merit - Intern	Susan Novak Beverly Duncan Carolyn Stoy Cindy Helm



## DCMA Congratulates 2018 Award Recipients & Graduates of the Class of 2018

BY LIZ MOYER

The DCMGA Graduation and Awards Banquet got off to a banging good start with welcoming remarks from President Pat Moyer and a reminder of why we are here from our very own Extension Agent-Horticulture (CEA-Hort) Janet Laminack. Following a lovely blessing by Jerry Alexander, an excellent dinner was enjoyed by all.

### Awards

We were especially honored to have DCMGA founding CEA-Hort, John Cooper, present the John Cooper Educator Award to Janie Farler. Janie entered the program during John's tenure, so this was especially meaningful for them both.

The Buds from the Board article lists all the award winners, so please take a look and congratulate these hard-working Master Gardeners!

### Graduation

Each year the Denton County Master Gardener Association executes a detailed process to find and recruit the very best people to enter our training program, and this past year was no exception. The Class of 2018 have proven themselves to be able students, hard workers, and enthusiastic volunteers. DCMGA was proud to graduate our 34 new Texas Master Gardeners at the annual Graduation & Awards Banquet.



Photo Courtesy of Liz Moyer

**John Cooper**

kicks off DCMGA's  
30th Anniversary Celebrations

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Photo Courtesy of Liz Moyer

**Janie Farler Accepts**  
the John Cooper Educator Award  
from John Cooper.



Photo Courtesy of Liz Moyer

**Michael Reid Accepts**  
Community Partner Award on behalf  
of Trinity United Methodist Church.



## Awards & Graduates (Cont.)

Several members of this class have already taken up leadership roles in various projects and committees, and we look forward to working with each and every one of our new members throughout the year.

Join us in welcoming these newly minted members of our Association:

Thiago Arenas	Sarah Hendel
Tia Ballard	Cheryl Huckabee
Lori Barr	Kelly Kinser
Rachel Barton	James Mulkey, Jr.
Barbara Beane	Sue Murray
Kimberly Bien	Susan Novak
Brandi Bollack	Theresa Page
Alex Cole	Cheryl Prestemon
Marilyn Crouse	Amy Prindle
Beverly Duncan	Michele Rawleigh
Ginger Ewing	Steve Simpson
Yrene Cannon	Anissa Smith
Geraldo Gonzales, Jr.	Pam Spooner
Bethany Griffin	Carolyn Stoy
Terika Grogan	Donna Terreri
Vidya Guruprasad	Isaac Thomas
Cindy Helm	Lea Watson

## Table Arrangements

Thanks to Dee Payne, Barbara Prins, & Ana Hunt, we enjoyed beautiful table displays at the Banquet.



Photo Courtesy of Liz Moyer

While we all work to integrate these new faces and new skill sets into our Association, remember that we have a whole new class that has already started! The fastest way to get to know our new colleagues is to work side by side at one of the many service opportunities. The Garden Tour prep is coming up with workdays in March and April. Watch for dates on the Members Calendar, and plan to get acquainted.



Photo Courtesy of Liz Moyer

## Certified Master Gardeners

Class of 2018, along with CEA-Hort Janet Laminack and Class Administrator Kim Wootton.

## Monarch Waystation - The Tribute Community

BY KATHY RAINEY, PROJECT MANAGER

It hadn't occurred to me as a Master Gardener Intern in 2017 that I would be introduced to the lifecycle of butterflies and moths, let alone learn about the host and nectar plants needed to insure these beautiful insects survive and rebuild their populations. Because of my captivation with monarch butterflies and after learning about organizations like Monarch Watch and the National Wildlife Federation who provide guidelines on creating a monarch butterfly waystations, I was inspired to try my hand at managing a Denton County Master Gardener Project.

Luckily, my community in The Colony had completed construction of a shoreline nature trail along Lake Lewisville right in my neighborhood. There were few if any wildflowers along the trail and it seemed like an idea worth pursuing. I have to admit that the project seemed pretty straightforward on the onset, especially when I was offered strong support by DCMGA. It became a little more complicated to gain support and approvals after initially proposing the project to the HOA when I learned most of the nature trail was built on U. S. Corps of Engineer Land and the city of The Colony was the managing agent for the Corps of Engineers. After a few months of putting together a detailed proposal, including the species of milkweed and native nectar wildflowers, maps, and maintenance plans, we received approval.



Photo Courtesy of Kathy Rainey

### Planting Milkweed

Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, community residents, and city staff.



Photo Courtesy of Kathy Rainey

### Master Gardeners

Sonny Smith and Steve Spurgin work at pre-drilling holes used to plant the milkweed

Two events have been held to date where Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, community residents, and city staff planted 3 one-quarter acre plots along the trail with native perennial wildflowers seeds (Fall 2017) and native milkweed plants (Fall 2018). A large variety of native wildflowers were selected for the waystation to ensure we had bloom times from February through November annually. Some of the early bloomers included Greenthread, Yellow Wild Indigo, Mexican Hat, and Mealy Blue Sage. Wildflowers that bloom summer through fall included Black-eyed Susan, Frostweed, Blue Mistflower, and Scarlet Sage.

It's been a rewarding project to work on because we have had such a wide variety of volunteers, including children and teens.



## Monarch Waystation (Cont.)

Our first step was to prepare the soil to receive the seeds. Volunteers mixed the wildflower seeds with perlite and packaged them in empty water bottles in preparation for planting. By mixing 1-part seed with 10-parts perlite, we had visibility as the seeds were scattered. The City Recreation Department came out with a turf roller to press the seeds into the soil after the seeds were scattered. With every rainy day, there was excitement for the eventual sprouting of seeds in Spring 2018. We were prepared for the potential of low germination rate, but happily the wildflowers sprouted and even more are expected in Spring 2019.

Residents in the community are excited about seeing more monarch butterflies and many have been inspired to plant pollinator gardens in their own yards. The HOA was inspired to plant native wildflower seeds along other sections of the Nature Trail system throughout the community. The HOA is working with the city of The Colony Recreation Department to schedule nature walks in Spring 2019 to feature the monarch waystation. Work days will be scheduled in early Spring 2019 to thin out some of the sweet clover (*Melilotus officinalis*), a non-native wildflower that is expected to sprout up in the waystation. We will also plant additional milkweed. Watch for Signup Genius for upcoming workdays.



## Renew Membership Now

It's time to renew your annual DCMGA membership, and, as you do, please note the following changes to the policy and procedure:

- Annual dues paid by January 31, 2019 are \$15.
- **Annual dues paid after January 31, 2019 will be \$25**
- All service hours and AT hours must be entered in VMS no later than January 31, 2019.
- **Any member not in good standing as of March 31, 2019 will be inactivated, unless granted an exception by the CEA-Hort.**

As always, to remain a member in good standing, the following conditions must be met:

- Required annual service hours and AT hours have been earned and entered into VMS.
- The annual renewal form AND annual volunteer service agreement have been completed.
- Annual dues have been paid.

For a review of the annual membership renewal requirements, please visit the Member's Info section of our website or this direct link:

<https://dcmga.com/members-info/annual-dcmga-membership-renewal/>

Please contact President Pat Moyer or Member-at-Large Gay Campbell with any questions or concerns.

## Celebrating 30 Years: DCMGA Thanks Its Most Veteran Gardeners *Linda Williams, Class of 2000*

BY GAY CAMPBELL

Linda Williams gives new meaning to the word "active." Following her intern year in 2000, Linda spent the next eight years on the DCMGA Board of Directors. She served as Program Coordinator, Vice-President, and President (twice!). Linda was DCMGA's Master Gardener of the Year in 2002 and was nominated for the Texas Master Gardener Individual Master Gardener Award in 2005.

Linda's favorite project was DCMGA's partnership with the Upper Trinity Regional Water District. As Project Manager, Linda's leadership skills were evident. She and her team designed, installed, and maintained a large garden utilizing various water plants. In addition, they educated both the public and the water officials on xeriscaping and water conservation principles. Another favorite DCMGA project was Lewisville ISD Outdoor Learning Area (LISDOLA). Linda remembers the fun she and her fellow Master Gardeners had in creating gardens and trails for the district's third graders.



Photo courtesy of Linda Williams

**Linda Williams**  
at Cañada de la Virgen pyramids in  
Mexico

Since its inception, one of DCMGA's biggest accomplishments was hosting the 2004 State Master Gardener Conference, and Linda played an instrumental part in making that happen. Linda was DCMGA President when the organization voted to bid, plan, and implement the conference. "We got the vote of every member except two, and many counties used our planning book during the following years. There was only \$700.00 in the treasury and the club was not 501(c)(3). We achieved that designation to ensure that we would not have to pay taxes on meals we provided for the conference," she explains.

Quick to include others in the successful planning and execution of the conference, Linda commends Peggy Durrett and Carolyn Tinner, among others. Peggy was the project manager and Carolyn was President during the year of the conference. "It was a very dynamic group and we accomplished all that we set out to do."

Linda's biggest regret is the demise of DCMGA's Demonstration Garden (DiG). "I have always been sorry that we had to take it down and never picked up enthusiasm to carry on that project. There are some great demonstration gardens out there. Talk about a teaching tool...."

## Linda Williams (Cont.)



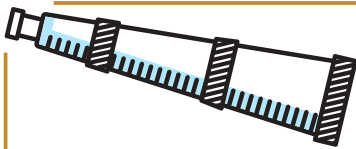
Photo courtesy of Linda Williams

### Linda Williams

celebrating The Day of The Dead  
at her home in San Miguel de  
Allende, Mexico.

Born in Southern California, Linda credits her family, especially her grandmother, for inspiring her passion. "I do believe you learn to love gardening at the knee of someone you love," she explained. Linda gardens not only in North Texas, but also at her home in Mexico. When asked how Texas gardening compares to other areas of the United States and Mexico, Linda notes that "Texas has every trial for the gardener. Surrender to what does well here. It can be beautiful."

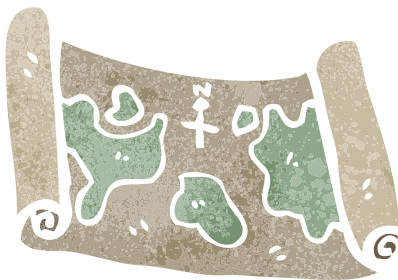
Linda treated her role of Master Gardener as she would a job. "I did something almost every day for DCMGA." She's proud of the lifelong friends she's made and the projects in Denton County in which she had a part. She sees gardens throughout the world differently than before. Now she notices gardens for "their beauty, technical difficulty, and design." Linda doesn't admit to a favorite garden or plant, but she does confess that "I used to tell people that I didn't have a passion in gardening ... but I was passionate about Master Gardeners."



***We are on a treasure hunt  
for former members!***

Were you a member of DCMGA anytime in the last 30 years,  
or do you know someone who was?

Are you interested in joining us for our big 30th anniversary celebration  
in August 2018?



Please send your contact  
info to Shirley Manfredi  
at [wilshirm@live.com](mailto:wilshirm@live.com).





## Plant of the Month – Marvel Mahonia

BY BEVERLY MCCLURE

Most folks are more familiar with Leatherleaf Mahonia than the fairly recent hybrid of Marvel Mahonia, (*Mahonia x media*). Marvel Mahonia was created from *Mahonia Japonica* and *Mahonia Lomarifolia*, a Chinese native known as Chinese Hollygrape.

Mahonia is the genus and there are several species. Marvel is the cultivar name – *Mahonia x Media* has several cultivars. 'Marvel' cultivars are hardier than some of older versions.

- Are you looking for a unique, fairly new, flowering hybrid that thrives in shade to part shade?
- Are you looking for a drought tolerant evergreen shrub?
- Are you looking for a plant attractive to bees and birds?

The plant that answers ' YES ' to these questions is Marvel Mahonia!

### A Beautiful, Yet Tough Plant

Marvel Mahonia is a beautiful, statuesque, upright, tough plant with large holly-like leaves in horizontal layers. The spiny leaves develop along coarse branches and stems. Eye-catching large sprays (10- to 14- inch racemes) of fragrant lemon yellow flowers appear in winter, followed by blue/black berry clusters for about 12 weeks in summer, unless the birds eat them first! Each individual leaflet is about 2 - 4 inches long featuring sharp marginal spines, giving the foliage a holly-like look (*ilex*), though closely related to Barbery (*Berberis*). Although Marvel leaves appear stiff, the horizontal branching of the leaves make it appear graceful as it flows toward the ground.

### The Basics

Marvel Mahonia is a tough shrub and drought tolerant once established. It grows in any fertile, acidic, well-drained soil with organic material, including clay soil, and it is low maintenance after established, surviving on rain water. Avoid hot, dry sites and harsh winds. This very attractive shrub does especially well in a woodland garden, thriving under canopies of large shade trees. Marvel Mahonia has a number of uses; it may be used as an accent, with its large striking flowers, or as a hedge with its sharp spike leaves preventing dogs or humans from walking through it. It is eye catching as well as practical. Rarely does one see bright yellow flowers against deep green leaves in winter. Marvel Mahonia can also be used as a mass planting, a pretty border, or for the entrance of your home's shady entryway.

Marvel Mahonia is a moderate growing shrub, growing to an average height of 5 - 6 feet, with



Photo Courtesy of Beverly McClure

### Marvel Mahonia

An eye-catching plant, especially in the winter when it produces fragrant lemon yellow flowers.

## Marvel Mahonia (Cont.)

an average width of 3 - 4 feet. USDA zones 6 - 9 are best for the Marvel Mahonia to have a healthy lifestyle. It is heat tolerant and hardy to -10 F degrees to 0 degrees F. It has no serious disease or insect problems.

Marvel Mahonia is an unusual shrub in that it is attractive all year long, tolerating Texas summer temperatures as well as freezing temperatures. The leaves with their deep green color are attractive year round, but having the large bright yellow flowers in January and February is a gift in dreary winter. My Marvel Mahonia flowers currently are attracting many bees. I am very pleased with mine. Marvel Mahonia is a great evergreen shrub for the shade garden, enjoyed by birds and bees alike.

### Resources

- NC State Extension - <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/all/Mahonia-x-media>
- Denton County Extension Service - <https://denton.agrilife.org/>
- Huddleston, S. & Crawford, P. (2009), *Easy Gardens for North Central Texas*, ColorGarden Publishing



DCMGA Members! Do you need **AT Hours**?



All presentations in the speakers series in newsletter flyers are **approved AT** for Master Gardeners.

# Denton County Master Gardener Association is Celebrating Our 30th Anniversary This Year

BY SHIRLEY MANFREDI, KATHRYN WELLS, & LIZ MOYER

Throughout the year, we'll be sharing the fun of celebrating our anniversary. Look for special veteran Master Gardener interviews, articles on long-standing projects and fun facts scattered throughout *The Root* and in *Plan Your Week*!

This month, we are looking at how DCMGA got started. It's really pretty amazing to think about our association as we are today – a veritable beehive of activity – and to think it all started with just a thought and an open letter to the community to organize a volunteer workforce thirty years ago.

***Mark August 14 on your calendar! We'll be having a special event in place of the General Meeting!***

## ***How Did All This Begin?***

The Master Gardener (MG) program originated in Washington state in 1973 to help county agents respond to the overwhelming demands for horticultural information. Dr. David Gibby, at the time a slightly overwhelmed young agent, conceived the idea of trained volunteers to help answer questions. Soon, they were doing much more than manning the phone lines. Training seminars, hands-on workshops, and speaking engagements soon had those early MGers working all over their county.

The Washington MG program soon spread to other states, and the first Texas Master Gardener program was formed in 1979 in Montgomery County. DCMGA was the 8th Master Gardener Association (MGA) in Texas (after Montgomery (1979), Galveston and El Paso (1981), Harris and Dallas (1986), Tarrant (1987), and Bexar (1989). There are now 93 counties represented in MGAs!

John Cooper was the County Extension Agent-Horticulture who pulled gardeners and semi-gardeners from all over the county to form the first class of nine people in 1989. He sent letters to garden clubs, advertised in the papers, and generally beat the bushes to find some help. Denton County and public demand for horticultural assistance was growing at a much faster pace than his budget! Every year the classes got bigger and so did the reach of Denton County Master Gardeners. Soon, this group of enthusiastic gardeners, with added training, helped expand the Agent's reach throughout the county.

Thirty years later, the program continues to thrive as passionate, trained volunteers provide horticultural information to the inexperienced, the knowledgeable, the young, and the young-at-heart residents of Denton County through the help desk, consultations, speaking engagements, and diverse educational programs and projects. With the leadership of Janet Laminack for the last ten years, our membership has grown to exceed 250 active members, our budget is over \$50,000/year, and we reach thousands of residents annually.

In 2018, Denton County Master Gardener Association was named the best MGA in the state. We have much to be proud of with our many programs, and we owe a great debt of gratitude to those whose imagination and enthusiasm brought our association to life.



## DCMGA Honored by the Texas Legislature

Tan Parker, local member of the Texas House of Representatives, presented DCMGA with the following Resolution commemorating our 30th anniversary and extending best wishes in the future.

Thank you, Rep. Parker!

# The State of Texas



### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Denton County Master Gardener Association is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2019; and


WHEREAS, This noteworthy organization seeks to educate Denton County residents on sustainable horticultural practices by offering a volunteer training program for aspiring master gardeners; participants receive advanced instruction, and they put their knowledge and skills to use in the local community by taking part in a range of service initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Each year, DCMGA executes more than 40 projects, and in 2018 alone, its members performed some 24,000 volunteer hours, a contribution valued at over half a million dollars; the group's outreach efforts have included putting on public presentations and demonstrations, working in the gardens at the Fair Oaks Independent Living Center and the Good Samaritan Village, and training elementary school teachers through the Science With Attitude program; moreover, the association has distributed thousands of tree seedlings to elementary schools in the Denton Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, Over the past three decades, the master gardeners of Denton County have made a lasting and positive difference in their community, and they may indeed take pride in all that they have accomplished as they mark this milestone year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 30th anniversary of the Denton County Master Gardener Association be commemorated and that all those associated with the organization be extended sincere best wishes for the future.



  
Tan Parker  
State Representative  
District 63



## DCMGA Recognized by the United States House of Representatives

Rep. Michael Burgess stood in the US House of Representatives chamber and read the following thank you to DCMGA into the Congressional Record of the 116th Congress on January 11, 2019. It can now be found in the official proceedings of that day.

Thank you, Rep. Burgess!



United States  
of America

# Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 116<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

## House of Representatives

In Recognition of the Denton County Master Gardener Association

*Friday, January 11, 2019*

Madame Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Denton County Master Gardener Association as it celebrates 30 years of service to the people of Denton County.

The Denton County Master Gardener Association completes more than 40 horticultural projects each year, working with local organizations such as the Texas Master Naturalists, the Denton Historical Association, and local 4-H clubs.

Volunteers from the Denton County Master Gardener Association must work to earn the title of Master Gardener. These dedicated volunteers are required to undergo over 80 hours of training to achieve the coveted title of "Texas Master Gardener." Master Gardeners volunteer on behalf of Texas A&M's AgriLife Extension, following Texas A&M University's research-based horticultural recommendations.

The Denton County Master Gardener Association utilizes their specialized training to brighten the community and pass along their horticultural knowledge to future generations. Through their award winning Science with Attitude program, Master Gardeners share information through elementary school teachers in their community and distribute over 3000 seedlings annually to elementary schools in the Denton Independent School District.

Additionally, this organization supports community gardens throughout Denton County and work in conjunction with the Community Garden for the Town of Flower Mound, the gardens of Fair Oaks Independent Living Center, the Good Samaritan Village, and the Lake Lewisville Environmental Learning Area.

On behalf of the constituents of Texas's 26th District, I would like to thank the Denton County Master Gardener Association for 30 years of dedicated service, which has made Denton County a better place to live and work.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely of Michael Burgess, written over the end of the text.

## Meet Your AgriLife Staff

### Janet Laminack

#### *County Extension Agent, Horticulture*

Janet Laminack is the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Horticulture Agent for Denton County. Janet began working for Denton County as the County Extension Agent in Horticulture in September 2008. She received her B.S. in horticulture from Texas A&M University as well as a Masters of Education in agricultural education. Her previous experience includes working as a horticultural therapist at Denver Botanic Gardens for several years and as the horticulture Extension agent in Taylor County (Abilene, Texas). Janet also served 28 months in the Peace Corps in Ecuador, South America, where she provided technical assistance to impoverished families in fourteen communities in organic vegetable gardens. Janet is a native Texan who has lived in many small towns around the state.



Photo Courtesy of Janet Laminack

**Janet Laminack**

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In her role as CEA-Horticulture, Janet has been the coordinator for the Master Gardener program and the advisor for the Master Naturalists program. For the past four years, Janet has served as “county coordinator” for the Extension office and gets to do other administrative work for the department.

Janet has been an ovarian cancer survivor since January 2015. She was married to John Ridings from June 2017 until his death March 2018. Now she has become a crazy cat lady since she has adopted John’s two rescue cats, Shire and Shadow. She enjoys being a part of the Denton community and chances are you might run in to her at various events around town.



*Volunteer Opportunity Fair  
and General Meeting*

February 13, 2019, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Global Spheres Center

7801 S Interstate 35, Corinth, TX

*Welcoming DCMGA Members & 2019 Interns*

## Save the Dates!



*DCMGA MGs & Interns Rose Sale*

*Order Deadline*

February 28, 2019

\$18 / 2 gallon rose

Contact Susan Novak for more info





**BY JANIE FARLER**

*Q: I'm bewildered by the huge number of vegetables available in stores and online. Is there a list of what does well here? And how do I know when to plant what?*

**A:** You bet your beets there is! In fact, you should be getting those beets in the ground now.

Here's a great resource for when to plant, how deep, and how far apart.

<http://dallas-tx.tamu.edu/files/2010/06/Vegetable-Planting-Guide.pdf>

These next two lists are recommended cultivars. There are a lot, but that gives you plenty of options when you shop.

<https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/plantanswers/publications/NCVEGLIST.html>

[https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/publications/veg\\_variety](https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/publications/veg_variety)

Our Help Desk has answers for all your questions from asparagus to zucchini. And be sure to check out the vegetable gardening page on dcmga.com.



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If you have questions about growing vegetables or any other horticulture-related subjects, please contact our Master Gardener Help Desk at 940.349.2892 or [master.gardener@dentoncounty.com](mailto:master.gardener@dentoncounty.com). It's free of charge, and it's our pleasure to assist you.

### Remembering Our Roots 30th Anniversary

**FUN FACT:** The very first projects of the Denton County Master Gardener program were a Vegetable Show and Planting at the County Courthouse on the town square in 1990.



## DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

# GREATER GARDENING

2019 GREATER AUBREY AREA GARDENING SERIES



### JANUARY 17

*Butterfly Gardens*

**Carol Rowley  
& Mary Branstetter**



### FEBRUARY 21

*Plant Propagation*

**Suzie Cook**



### MARCH 21

*Basic Landscaping Design  
Principles*

**Shirlee & Claud Singer**

### 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Third Thursday: Jan, Feb, & March**

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DENTON COUNTY  
MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FAIR & GENERAL MEETING

February 13, 2019  
9:30 am - 11:30 am  
Global Spheres Center  
7801 S Interstate 35, Corinth, TX

Welcoming DCMGA Members and 2019 DCMGA Interns.

Light breakfast fare will be available.



# **The Denton County Master Gardener Association's 2019 Spring Gardening Series**

**in partnership with The Flower Mound Public Library**



## **February 4: Companion Planting**

**Presented by Lynda Harvey**, Denton County Master Gardener,  
Certified in Native Landscape Maintenance by The Native Plant Society of Texas

## **February 11: Yard Art Smarts**

**Presented by Tammie Gurley**, Denton County Master Gardener and Master Naturalist

## **February 18: Landscape Design for Success**

**Presented by Carol Arment**, Denton County Master Gardener,  
Certified in Texas Native Plants by The Native Plant Society of Texas

## **February 25: SUCCess with SUCCULENTS**

**Presented by Gay Campbell**, Denton County Master Gardener and Master Naturalist

**Join us for the 10th anniversary of the  
Gardening Series! All programs start at 7 p.m.**

**To register, please call 972.874.6165 or  
email [fmpl@flower-mound.com](mailto:fmpl@flower-mound.com).**



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*Keep Lewisville Beautiful Presents...*

# 2019 Garden Secrets Classes

Join Keep Lewisville Beautiful and City of Lewisville for FREE community classes led by Denton County Master Gardeners and The Texas Agrilife Extension Office. **Classes are free but seats are limited to first 40 participants to RSVP.**

All classes will be held either in Classroom 1 or Recital Hall at the MCL Grand (100 N Charles St, 75057).

**RSVP REQUIRED: 972-538-5949**  
[info@keeplewisvillebeautiful.org](mailto:info@keeplewisvillebeautiful.org)

**Jan 24th:**  
ULandscapeIT:  
Water Efficient  
Landscape Design  
6-8 PM

**February 7th:**  
How to Plant  
Vegetables  
6-7 PM

**Feb 28th:**  
Composting  
6-8 PM

**DCMG topic  
to be announced**

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**May 2nd:**  
Pots in Small  
Spots: Container  
Gardening  
6-7 PM

**June 13th:**  
Sensational  
Succulents  
6-7 PM

**July 18th:**  
Made for Shade:  
Shade Gardening  
6-8 PM

**August 1st:**  
Water U Doing  
Water Efficient  
Sprinklers  
6-8 PM

**August 15th:**  
Let's Ketchup on  
Tomatoes  
6-8 PM

**September 5th:**  
Grow your Own  
Vegetables  
6-8 PM

**September 19th:**  
Texan Plants  
6-7 PM

**October 24th:**  
Birds, Bees, and  
Butterflies: Gardening  
for Wildlife  
6-8 PM

**November 21st:**  
Texas Trees  
6-8 PM

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## PASS ALONG PLANTS FOR 2019 DCMGA PLANT SALE

Master Gardener grown plants are very popular with our plant sale customers. Your plant donations make a significant contribution to this DCMGA fundraising effort. Thank you for sharing your gardens through pass along plants!



### Pass Along Plants Delivery and Care Process

#### Drop Off Options

- Option A
  - Drop off pass along plants prior to the Plant Sale.  
Early drop offs allow more time for inventory and sale preparation. Plants collected will be cared for by Michele Rawleigh at her home.
  - Drop off dates are
    - April 10<sup>th</sup> – DCMGA General Meeting
    - April 18<sup>th</sup> – Plant Sale Planning Meeting
    - April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1-4pm – Pat & Don Edwards-open garden
    - April 23<sup>rd</sup> – at Global Spheres after intern class
- Option B
  - Drop off pass along plants at Trinity United Methodist Church on May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Set Up Day. Please have your pass alongs “sale ready”. Deliveries will be accepted beginning at 7am. Early arrivals are appreciated!

**Work days** – take inventory, sort, and groom pass along plants.

- Watch for email announcements and information on the DCMGA calendar.

**Other Items Needed** – Please bring donations to the February Volunteer Opportunity Fair, March and April DCMGA general meetings, or to any of the plant sale planning meetings. Alternative arrangements may also be made by contacting Michele Rawleigh or Don and Pat Edwards.

- Mini blinds
- Nursery pots (4in, 1 gal, 2 gal)
- Decorative pots
- Plant trays



**Pass Along Plants Preparation**

Identify your plants now for digging in early spring using plastic knives or utility marking flags. Permanent markers and pencils work well to make reminder notes.

When potting plants, prepare and affix pot labels to include the following:

- ***Name of plant, common and/or scientific***
- ***Sun (S), Shade (SH), Partial Shade (P/SH)***
  - ***Annual or Perennial***
  - ***Size, Height and width***
  - ***Color of blossom if appropriate***
- ***Protect labels from moisture if possible***

No need to plant bulbs and rhizomes but please include labels with them.

Plants we are especially seeking include: shade plants, small trees, coralberry, beautyberry, turks cap, bog sage, autumn joy sedum, brilliant stonecrop sedum, four nerve daisy, fall aster, horse herb, and Malabar spinach. We welcome other edibles and vegetables too. When considering edibles, please keep in mind our sale is on May 4<sup>th</sup> and share items likely to thrive this time of year and later.

**Pass Along Plants Co-captain:**

**Michele Rawleigh**

flower.freak@verizon.net

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*Seeking someone to serve as co-captain with Michele – no experience required*

**DCMGA 2019 Plant Sale**

**Trinity United Methodist Church**

**633 Hobson Lane Denton 76205**

**Set up on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>; Sale on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Co-chairs: Pat and Don Edwards [pedwardsj@gmail.com](mailto:pedwardsj@gmail.com) 940-312-3976 cell**



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### Save the Date

February 13	Volunteer Opportunity Fair / General Meeting / Budget Vote
February 28	Rose Sale Order Deadline
April 25-27	TMG Annual Conference (Victoria)
August 14	30th Anniversary Celebration

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